

## Message Text

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ARA/AND/V:TSONANDRES  
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TREAS:RGOODMAN  
TREAS:HSHAPIRO  
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R 042120Z MAR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, ENRG, VE

SUBJECT:OVERRIDING ROYALTY RIGHTS HOLDERS IN VENEZUELA

REF: (A) STATE 244721 (B) CARACAS 13240

1. THE DEPT HAS REVIEWED THE ROYALTY HOLDERS SITUATION  
IN THE LIGHT OF REFTEL (B). (WOULD EMBASSY SEND A SECOND  
COPY OF CHADWICK COLLINS' LETTER REFERRED TO IN PARA 2  
THEREOF?) THIS REVIEW DISCLOSES NO REASON TO BELIEVE  
THAT THE COVERING MEMORANDUM OR OPINION OF USG PROPOSED  
BY HIM WOULD APPRECIABLY AFFECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE GOV  
TO CONSIDER HIS REQUEST FAVORABLY. THE LEGAL UNCERTAINTIES  
REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (A) HAVE NOT BEEN DISPELLED TO ANY  
APPRECIABLE EXTENT AND A USG MEMORANDUM WOULD HAVE TO BE  
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TOO VAGUE TO CREATE STRONG IMPACT EVEN IF THERE WERE A  
MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE BY GOV. THUS, DEPT BASED ON  
FACTS NOW AVAILABLE CONCURS IN VIEW OF EMBASSY STATED IN  
PARA 5 OF REFTEL (B) THAT CHADWICK COLLINS BE ADVISED TO  
SEEK LEGAL REDRESS DESPITE PROBLEMS IT ENTAILS. IF  
CHADWICK COLLINS IS ACCORDED NO REDRESS, DEPT THEN WOULD  
BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SITUATION ANEW.

2. ROYALTY RIGHTS HOLDERS SITUATION SHOULD ALSO BE  
AGAIN REVIEWED EITHER IN THE LIGHT OF FURTHER DATA FROM  
CHADWICK COLLINS OR AS THIS DEPT AND OTHER AGENCIES  
STUDY THE OVERALL VENEZUELAN EXPROPRIATION PICTURE,  
PARTICULARLY THE OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CLAIM AND A  
POSSIBLE ARCO CLAIM.  
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## Message Attributes

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